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Loans to peasants under National Extension Service schemes

* 1423 Q.—Sri M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) what are the loans made available to peasants under the National Extension Service Scheme;

(*b*) the amount allotted for this purpose for the year 1953–54;

(*c*) the amount disbursed;

(*d*) whether any amount was surrendered unspent in Tiruvallur taluk; and

(*e*) if so, why?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The loans made available to peasants under the National Extension Service schemes are generally these—

(1) for sinking or deepening of agriculture wells, pumping installations and repairs and renovation of private tanks, supply channels which are sources of supply of water for irrigation purposes; and

(2) for purchase of manure and seed grains, cattle and stallion required for breeding or other agricultural purposes;

" (*b*) Rs. 56,000;

" (*c*) Rs. 35,540;

" (*d*) Yes. An amount of Rs. 500 was surrendered.

" (*e*) The time at the disposal of the Block Development Officer was very short owing to the late receipt of the Government Order authorizing the Block Development Officer to grant loans from the funds provided under the National Extension Service, and to the scheme itself being inaugurated only on 2nd October 1953."

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Will the Government consider the suggestion of giving discretion to every Block Development Officer in the matter of giving different kinds of loans so that he may adapt himself to the needs of the area where he is serving. For instance, loans for the buying of bulls and stallions may not be necessary in North Malabar. May I know whether the Government will give some discretion to Block Development Officers in the matter of modifying the purposes for which the loans under the National Extension Scheme are given? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" If the hon. Member is more specific in his proposal I shall examine it."

Sri B. K. NALLASWAMI :—" May I know what is the proportion of amount given by the Central Government? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have a separate question."